

DSC to consider directions for final draft of Delta Plan

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) is preparing to finalize directions for preparation of the <u>final draft of the Delta Plan</u>. Those directions to staff will be discussed at next week's DSC meeting on June 28 and 29, in West Sacramento. The council will also get a report on the Delta Science Program. The <u>agenda</u> is available on the DSC website.

cvrpb, conservancy round out meeting calendar for June

A number of meetings remain on the calendar this month. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow, June 22, in Sacramento. It will hold a special meeting Friday, June 29, to consider final adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy will meet Wednesday, June 27, in West Sacramento. The agenda includes items related to the conservancy's strategic plan.

Science review panel finds shortcomings in portion of BDCP

An <u>independent science review panel</u> has found a number of shortcomings in a portion of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The panel reviewed <u>BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis</u> and related materials to assess their scientific soundness. In its <u>report</u>, the panel says the analysis was missing key concepts and specifics, causing it to fall short of presenting a framework for analyzing whether the BDCP would achieve its objectives.

PPIC report proposes strategies for achieving Delta goals The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) has released a report proposing a strategy for protecting the Delta's ecosystem while maintaining a reliable water supply. Where the Wild Things Aren't: Making the Delta a Better Place for Native Species reaches several conclusions including the benefits of altering the water flow with a modified system of levees, channels and barriers. The PPIC also released a companion report, Aquatic Ecosystem Stressors in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which looks at five categories of stressors for the Delta's native fishes.

Change of plans for DSC: It will remain an independent agency Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. has <u>dropped the idea</u> of folding the DSC into the Natural Resources Agency. The decision means the council will remain an independent agency. Incorporating the DSC into the resources agency was part of a government reorganization plan submitted by the governor to the Little Hoover Commission earlier this year.

Ag water use efficiency report heading to the state Legislature

The final report <u>A Proposed Methodology for Quantifying the Efficiency of Agricultural Water Use</u> has been given approval by DWR and the Natural Resources Agency to be sent to the state Legislature. The report was developed following an extensive public participation process along with significant input from the Agriculture Stakeholders Committee and the A-1 Subcommittee. Materials related to the report, including a <u>letter</u> from DWR Director Mark Cowin to the Legislature, are available <u>here</u>.



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